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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: CASTRO MESSAGE TO BELGIANS ON ZAIRE SITUATION

1. ON APRIL 25 BELGIAN EMBASSY SOURCE PASSED ON TO US FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING PRIVATE DENIAL BY CASTRO TO BELGIANS OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE FIGHTING.
  2. DURING CASTRO'S MARCH 31-APRIL 2 VISIT TO ALGIERS, CUBAN AMBASSADOR CALLED HIS BELGIAN COLLEAGUE TO REQUEST HIM TO MEET WITH CASTRO. ALTHOUGH BELGIAN AGREED, MUTUALLY CONVIENTIENT TIME COULD NOT BE FOUND AND CUBAN INFORMED HIM THAT CASTRO WOULD PASS MESSAGE TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN BERLIN, CASTRO'S NEXT STOP. THIS ARRANGMENT ALSO FELL THROUGH, AND MESSAGE FINALLY DELIVERED TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW BY DEPUTY PREMIER CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ WHO WAS TRAVELLING WITH CASTRO.
  3. ACCORDING TO BELGIAN REPORT FROM MOSCOW, RODRIGUEZ GAVE AMBASSADOR, IN EMPHATIC, UNRHETORICAL TONE, MESSAGE FROM CASTRO TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT THAT CUBANS WERE NOT AND WOULD NOT FURNISH KATANGA GENDARMES WITH TRAINING OR ANY FORM OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE. ZIARIAN CHARGES OF CUBAN AID, MESSAGE SAID, STEMMED FROM MOBUTO'S DESIRE TO INVOLVE ZAIRE'S ALLIES, SUCH AS BELGIUM AND FRANCE, IN  
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- STRUGGLE AGAINST KATANGA GENDARMES. MESSAGE ALSO MADE POINTS THAT CUBA CONTEMPLATED NO INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA OR NAMIBIA AND THAT CUBAN TROOPS WERE IN ANGOLA IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL FROM SOVEREIGN STATE FOR AID IN SAFEGUARDING ITS INDEPENDENCE.
4. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW TOLD RODRIGUEZ SIMPLY

THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND DID  
SO. A COPY OF HIS REPORT, BELGIAN EMBASSY HERE NOTED,  
WENT TO BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.LYNE

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